

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method of enabling users to subscribe to content in a computing environment,
2 comprising steps of:
3 identifying behavior patterns of a user;
4 using the identified behavior patterns to identify content which may be of interest to the
5 user; and
6 offering, to the user, a subscription to the identified content, without requiring the user to
7 initiate a request for the subscription.

1 2. The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
2 registering the offered subscription, upon acceptance thereof by the user; and
3 using the registered subscription to deliver the identified content to the user.

1 3. The method according to Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
2 customizing, for the user, the offered subscription such that at least one condition is
3 placed on at least one portion of the identified content, wherein the at least one portion may
4 comprise the identified content in its entirety; and
5 registering the offered subscription, as customized by the user, upon acceptance thereof by
6 the user.

1 4. The method according to Claim 3, further comprising the step of:
2 using the registered subscription to deliver the identified content which matches the

3 conditions to the user.

1 5. The method according to Claim 3, further comprising the steps of:
2 specifying, for the user, at least one action to be carried out when the conditions are
3 matched in the identified content.

1 6. The method according to Claim 5, further comprising the step of:
2 evaluating the registered subscription, and if the condition(s) therein are met in the
3 identified content, carrying out the action(s).

1 7. A system for enabling users to subscribe to content in a networking environment, further
2 comprising:
3 means for receiving an identification of behavior patterns of a user;
4 means for using the identified behavior patterns, responsive to the means for receiving, to
5 identify content which may be of interest to the user; and
6 means for offering, to the user, a subscription to the identified content, without requiring
7 the user to initiate a request for the subscription.

1 8. The system according to Claim 7, further comprising:
2 means for registering the offered subscription, upon acceptance thereof by the user; and
3 means for using the registered subscription to deliver the identified content to the user.

1 9. The system according to Claim 7, wherein the means for identifying, means for using, and
2 means for offering are adapted for identifying behavior patterns of a plurality of users, using the
3 identified behavior patterns to identify content which may be of interest to at least one of the
4 users, and offering subscriptions to the identified content to the identified at least one of the users,
5 respectively.

1 10. A computer program product for enabling users to subscribe to content in a networking
2 environment, the computer program product embodied on one or more computer-readable media
3 and comprising:

4 computer-readable program code means for identifying behavior patterns for a user;

5 computer-readable program code means for using the identified behavior patterns to
6 identify content which may be of interest to the user; and

7 computer-readable program code means for offering, to the user, a subscription to the
8 identified content, without requiring the user to initiate a request for the subscription.

1 11. The computer program product according to Claim 10, further comprising:

2 computer-readable program code means for registering the offered subscription, upon
3 acceptance thereof by the user; and

4 computer-readable program code means for using the subscription to deliver the identified
5 content to the user.

1 12. The computer program product according to Claim 10, wherein the computer-readable

2 program code means for identifying, computer-readable program code means for using, and
3 computer-readable program code means for offering are adapted for identifying behavior patterns
4 of a plurality of users, using the identified behavior patterns to identify content which may be of
5 interest to at least one of the users, and offering subscriptions to the identified content to the
6 identified at least one of the users, respectively.